

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5, and 7 as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:
 an article substrate;
 an inner layer of a metal material thermally sprayed on said article substrate ~~of~~
~~a metal material~~ and having a first predetermined thickness; and
 an outer layer of a composite made of a polymer material and the metal
material flame sprayed on said inner layer ~~of a composite made of a polymer and the metal~~
~~material~~ and having a second predetermined thickness.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:
 an article substrate;
 an inner layer of a metal material thermally sprayed on said article substrate ~~of~~
~~a metal material~~ and having a first predetermined thickness; and
 an outer layer of a composite made of a polymer material and the metal
material flame sprayed on said inner layer ~~of a composite made of a polymer and the metal~~
~~material~~ and having a second predetermined thickness, wherein said second predetermined
 thickness is less than said first predetermined thickness.

3. (CANCELED)

4. (CANCELED)

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:
an article substrate;

an inner layer of a metal material thermally sprayed on said article substrate ~~of a metal material~~; and

an outer layer of a composite made of a polymer material and the metal material flame sprayed on said inner layer ~~of a composite made of a~~, the polymer material and the metal material being co-deposited to form said outer layer, wherein said outer layer has a hardness less than said inner layer.

6. (CANCELED)

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:
an article substrate;

an inner layer of a metal material thermally sprayed on said article substrate ~~of a metal material~~ and having a first predetermined thickness; and

an outer layer of a composite made of a polymer material and the metal material flame sprayed on said inner layer ~~of a composite made of a~~, the polymer material and the metal material being co-deposited to form said outer layer and having a second predetermined thickness less than said first predetermined thickness, said outer layer having a hardness less than said inner layer.